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LISTING OF CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Previously Presented) An interlabial absorbent article configured for disposition primarily within the vestibule of a female wearer, comprising:
 - a generally liquid permeable, non-apertured cover sheet comprising a first material;
 - a generally liquid impermeable back sheet comprising a second material, said second material different from said first material;
 - an absorbent material disposed between said cover sheet and said back sheet;
 - wherein said back sheet has a water vapor transmission rate that is at least about 20% of a water vapor transmission rate of said cover sheet;
 - wherein said cover sheet and said back sheet have a contact angle mismatch of less than about 25%; and
 - wherein upon being flushed, said article has an initial neutral buoyancy and subsequently sinks within about 7 days from being flushed.
2. (Currently Amended) The interlabial absorbent article as in claim 1, wherein said cover sheet has a water vapor transmission rate of at least about 30,000 MOCON-value g/m²-24 hrs.
3. (Original) The interlabial absorbent article as in claim 2, wherein said cover sheet comprises a spunlace laminate material of rayon and film.
4. (Withdrawn) The interlabial absorbent article as in claim 2, wherein cover sheet comprises a bonded carded web material having water vapor transmission rate of greater than about 50,000 Mocon value.

5. (Currently Amended) The interlabial absorbent article as in claim 1, wherein said back sheet comprises a HBSTL material having a water vapor transmission rate of at least about 10,000 MOCON value g/m²-24 hrs.

6. (Currently Amended) The interlabial absorbent article as in claim 1, wherein said cover sheet has a water vapor transmission rate of about 40,000 MOCON value g/m²-24 hrs and said back sheet has a water vapor transmission rate of about 10,000 MOCON value g/m²-24 hrs.

7. (Withdrawn) The interlabial absorbent article as in claim 1, wherein said cover sheet has a water vapor transmission rate of about 50,000 Mocon value and said back sheet has a water vapor transmission rate of about 10,000 Mocon value.

8. (Original) The interlabial absorbent article as in claim 1, wherein said absorbent material has a dry density of at least about 1.0 g/cc.

9. (Original) The interlabial absorbent article as in claim 1, wherein said absorbent material has wet density of at least about 1.0 g/cc.

10. (Original) The interlabial absorbent material as in claim 1, wherein said cover sheet is adhered to said back sheet with an adhesive around a circumference of said article, and wherein said article does not separate into individual components for at least about 7 days after being flushed.

11. (Original) The interlabial absorbent article as in claim 1, wherein said absorbent material comprises a cotton/rayon blend.

12. (Currently Amended) An interlabial absorbent article configured for disposition primarily within the vestibule of a female wearer, comprising:

a generally liquid permeable, non-apertured cover sheet having a water vapor transmission rate of at least about 30,000 MOCON value g/m²-24 hrs. said cover sheet comprising a first material;

a generally liquid impermeable back sheet having a water vapor transmission rate of at least about 10,000 MOCON-value g/m²-24 hrs, said back sheet comprising a second material, said second material different from said first material;

an absorbent material disposed between said cover sheet and said back sheet, said absorbent material having a density greater than 1.0 g/cc;

wherein said water vapor transmission rate of said back sheet is at least about 20% of said water vapor transmission rate of said cover sheet; and

wherein upon being flushed, said article has an initial neutral buoyancy and subsequently sinks within about 7 days from being flushed.

13. (Original) The interlabial absorbent article as in claim 12, wherein said cover sheet and said back sheet have a contact angle mismatch of less than about 25%.

14. (Previously Presented) An interlabial absorbent article configured for disposition primarily within the vestibule of a female wearer, comprising:

a generally liquid permeable, non-apertured cover sheet comprising a first material;

a generally liquid impermeable back sheet comprising a second material, said second material different from said first material;

an absorbent material disposed between said cover sheet and said back sheet;

wherein said back sheet has a water vapor transmission rate that is at least about 20% of a water vapor transmission rate of said cover sheet; and

wherein said absorbent material has a dry density of at least about 1.0 g/cc.

15. (Original) The interlabial absorbent article as in claim 14, wherein said cover sheet and said back sheet have a contact angle mismatch of less than about 25%.

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16. (Original) The interlabial absorbent article as in claim 14, wherein said article has an initial neutral buoyancy such that said article sinks within about 7 days from being flushed.